

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR A REVISED WATER QUALITY
RESTORATION STUDY: JAMES RIVER – CITY OF RICHMOND, TRIBUTARIES IN
RICHMOND CITY, CHESTERFIELD, HENRICO, AND POWHATAN COUNTIES, VIRGINIA**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is announcing a comment period for the revised final draft document as a result of requests by the public. As of this notice, 11/23/09, DEQ will accept public comments on the revised draft document for 30 days which will expire on December 22, 2009.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies have been working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in the waters of the James River and its tributaries in the following jurisdictions:

Stream	County/City	Length (mi.)	Impairment
Bernards Creek	Chesterfield, Powhatan	6.97	Recreation Use (Swimming) due to Bacteria
Powwhite Creek	Chesterfield, Richmond City	8.12	
Reedy Creek	Richmond City	3.68	
James River	Richmond City	2.99	
Gillies Creek	Richmond City, Henrico	5.79	
Almond Creek	Henrico	2.26	
Goode Creek	Richmond City	1.23	
Falling Creek	Chesterfield	3.81	
No Name Creek	Chesterfield	1.83	
James River	Chesterfield, Henrico, Richmond City	10.84	

These streams are impaired due to bacterial standard violations and failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use. The study describes the sources of bacterial contamination and recommends total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), for these impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to meet Virginia's bacterial water quality standards. Please visit:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/mtgppt.html>

to review the March 10, 2009 final public meetings presentations. The revised draft TMDL report is available for review at:

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/DraftReports.jsp>

Also at this site is a "Revision Summary" document, provided to indicate the tables, graphs, and sections which have undergone significant change from the original version of the report. Due to the revision and requests made during the most recent public comment period that ended April 10th, 2009, DEQ is holding this additional public comment opportunity for 30 days for the revised draft report.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will end on December 22, 2009.

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